

20. A method as set forth in claim 19, wherein the indexing means includes biasing means for maintaining controlled positioning of the reinforcement.

21. A method as set forth in claim 20, wherein the biasing means includes a receiver disposed in a first aperture in the mold, said receiver including at one end a cylindrical portion having a bore for receiving the index pin disposed on the reinforcement and a base portion disposed at the opposite end, the receiver being laterally displaceable within the aperture.

22. A method as set forth in claim 20, wherein the biasing means includes a spring disposed in a second aperture in the mold, the spring being perpendicularly disposed with respect to the cylindrical portion, whereby the spring radially biases the receiver within the first aperture.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A container assembly includes a container body formed of a thermoplastic material having an inner surface, an outer surface, and at least one corner having a reinforcement molded to the outer surface of the corner. The reinforcement has a peripheral edge which is partially embedded in the outer surface of the container body. A method of making a container assembly comprises the step of molding a container body over a portion of a reinforcement. A reinforcement having a peripheral edge is disposed in a mold. A fluid thermoplastic material is disposed into the mold. The thermoplastic material is then molded over the inner surface of the mold and the peripheral edge of the reinforcement thereby forming the container body. The thermoplastic material contacts the peripheral edge and melts or softens the edge. A peripheral edge is then brought into engagement with the container body to provide a secure seal between the reinforcement and the container body.

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